

HOUSE BILL No. 1376

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-13-2; IC 9-17-8; IC 9-23; IC 9-29-8.

Synopsis: Automotive mobility dealers. Provides that automotive mobility dealers must be licensed with the secretary of state in order to sell, service, or install adapted vehicles. Requires the secretary of state to establish requirements by rule for an initial application for and renewal of an automotive mobility dealer's license. Makes corresponding changes.

Effective: Upon passage; July 1, 2009.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 9-13-2-1.4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2009]: **Sec. 1.4. "Adapted vehicle" means a new or used vehicle**
4 **especially designed or modified for use by an individual who is**
5 **disabled or aged.**

6 SECTION 2. IC 9-13-2-8.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
7 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
8 1, 2009]: **Sec. 8.5. "Automotive mobility dealer" means a person**
9 **that:**

- 10 (1) **engages exclusively in the business of selling, offering to**
11 **sell, or soliciting or advertising the sale of adapted vehicles;**
12 (2) **possesses adapted vehicles exclusively for the purpose of**
13 **resale, either on the automotive mobility dealer's own account**
14 **or on behalf of another as the primary or incidental business**
15 **of the automotive mobility dealer; or**
16 (3) **engages in the business of:**
17 **(A) selling, installing, or servicing;**



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(B) offering to sell, install, or service; or
 (C) soliciting or advertising the sale, installation, or
 servicing of;
**equipment or modifications specifically designed to facilitate
 use or operation of a vehicle by an individual who is disabled
 or aged.**

SECTION 3. IC 9-13-2-42, AS AMENDED BY P.L.131-2008,
 SECTION 34, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 42. (a) "Dealer" means, except as otherwise
 provided in this section, a person who sells to the general public,
 including a person who sells directly by the Internet or other computer
 network, at least twelve (12) vehicles each year for delivery in Indiana.
 The term includes a person who sells off-road vehicles. A dealer must
 have an established place of business that meets the minimum
 standards prescribed by the bureau under rules adopted under
 IC 4-22-2.

(b) The term does not include the following:

- (1) A receiver, trustee, or other person appointed by or acting
 under the judgment or order of a court.
- (2) A public officer while performing official duties.
- (3) A person who is a dealer solely because of activities as a
 transfer dealer.

(4) An automotive mobility dealer.

(c) "Dealer", for purposes of IC 9-31, means a person that sells to
 the general public for delivery in Indiana at least six (6):

- (1) boats; or
- (2) trailers:
 - (A) designed and used exclusively for the transportation of
 watercraft; and
 - (B) sold in general association with the sale of watercraft;
 per year.

SECTION 4. IC 9-13-2-97 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 97. (a) "Manufacturer"
 means, except as provided in subsection (b), a person engaged in the
 business of constructing or assembling vehicles, of a type required to
 be registered under IC 9-18, at an established place of business. The
 term does not include a converter manufacturer, **an automotive
 mobility dealer**, or a recreational vehicle manufacturer.

(b) "Manufacturer", for purposes of IC 9-23, means a person who is
 engaged in the business of manufacturing or assembling new motor
 vehicles or major component parts of motor vehicles, or both, and sells
 new motor vehicles to dealers, wholesale dealers, distributors, or the

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general public. The term includes the following:

- (1) A factory branch office of the manufacturer.
- (2) An authorized representative of the manufacturer.
- (3) A partnership, a firm, an association, a joint venture, a limited liability company, a corporation, or a trust, resident or nonresident, that is controlled by the manufacturer.

The term does not include a converter manufacturer, **an automotive mobility dealer**, or a recreational vehicle manufacturer.

SECTION 5. IC 9-17-8-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 1. A manufacturer, a converter manufacturer, **an automotive mobility dealer**, a dealer, or other person may not sell or otherwise dispose of a new motor vehicle to another person, to be used by the other person for purposes of display or resale, without delivering to the other person a manufacturer's certificate of origin under this chapter that indicates the assignments of the certificate of origin necessary to show the ownership of the title to a person who purchases the motor vehicle.

SECTION 6. IC 9-17-8-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 4. A manufacturer, a converter manufacturer, **an automotive mobility dealer**, or a dealer must have:

- (1) a certificate of title;
- (2) an assigned certificate of title;
- (3) a manufacturer's certificate of origin; or
- (4) an assigned manufacturer's certificate of origin;

for a motor vehicle, semitrailer, or recreational vehicle in the manufacturer's, converter manufacturer's, **automotive mobility dealer's**, or dealer's possession.

SECTION 7. IC 9-17-8-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 7. A manufacturer, a converter manufacturer, **an automotive mobility dealer**, or a dealer shall deliver an assigned certificate of title or certificate of origin to a person entitled to the certificate of title or certificate of origin.

SECTION 8. IC 9-17-8-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 8. (a) Before obtaining a manufacturer's, a converter manufacturer's, **an automotive mobility dealer's**, or a dealer's license from the bureau, a person must agree to allow a police officer or an authorized representative of the bureau to inspect:

- (1) certificates of origin, certificates of title, assignments of certificates of origin and certificates of title, or other proof of ownership as determined by the bureau; and
- (2) motor vehicles, semitrailers, or recreational vehicles that are

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held for resale by the manufacturer, converter manufacturer, **automotive mobility dealer**, or dealer; in the manufacturer's, converter manufacturer's, **automotive mobility dealer's**, or dealer's place of business during reasonable business hours.

(b) A certificate of title, a certificate of origin, and any other proof of ownership described under subsection (a):

(1) must be readily available for inspection by or delivery to the proper persons; and

(2) may not be removed from Indiana.

SECTION 9. IC 9-23-2-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 1. **(a)** The following persons must be licensed under this article to engage in the business of buying or selling motor vehicles:

(1) An automobile auctioneer.

(2) A converter manufacturer.

(3) A dealer.

(4) A distributor.

(5) A distributor branch.

(6) A distributor representative.

(7) A factory branch.

(8) A factory representative.

(9) A manufacturer.

(10) A transfer dealer.

(11) A wholesale dealer.

(12) An automotive mobility dealer.

(b) An automotive mobility dealer who engages in the business of:

(1) selling, installing, or servicing;

(2) offering to sell, install, or service; or

(3) soliciting or advertising the sale, installation, or servicing of;

equipment or modifications specifically designed to facilitate use or operation of a vehicle by an individual who is disabled or aged must be licensed under this article.

SECTION 10. IC 9-23-2-5.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 5.5. The secretary of state shall, by rule adopted under IC 4-22-2, establish requirements for an initial application for and renewal of an automotive mobility dealer's license. The rules must include requirements for automotive mobility dealers to meet reasonable and appropriate quality assurance

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requirements and may include the following:

(1) Appropriate training for automotive mobility dealers regarding adaptive vehicle usage.

(2) Driver evaluation by automotive mobility dealers.

SECTION 11. IC 9-23-2-5.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: **Sec. 5.7. An automotive mobility dealer licensed under this chapter is entitled to:**

(1) display;

(2) inventory;

(3) advertise;

(4) offer for sale; or

(5) do any combination of subdivisions (1) through (4) concerning;

any adapted vehicle.

SECTION 12. IC 9-23-3-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 4. It is an unfair practice for a dealer to sell any new motor vehicle having a trade name, trade or service mark, or related characteristics for which the dealer does not have a franchise in effect at the time of the sale. However, vehicles having more than one (1) or more trade name, service mark, or related characteristic as a result of modification or further manufacture by a manufacturer, ~~or~~ converter manufacturer, **or an automotive mobility dealer** licensed under this article may be sold by a franchisee appointed by that manufacturer, ~~or~~ converter manufacturer, **or automotive mobility dealer**.

SECTION 13. IC 9-23-4-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 2. Notwithstanding the terms, provisions, or conditions of any agreement or franchise, the manufacturer, ~~or the~~ converter manufacturer, **or automotive mobility dealer** is liable for all damage to a new motor vehicle before delivery to a carrier or transporter.

SECTION 14. IC 9-23-6-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 6. If a manufacturer, a converter manufacturer, **an automotive mobility dealer**, or a dealer violates or aids, induces, or causes a violation of this title, the manufacturer's, converter manufacturer's, **automotive mobility dealer's**, or dealer's license may be suspended or revoked in the manner provided for the suspension or revocation of licenses of persons operating motor vehicles.

SECTION 15. IC 9-29-8-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 4. The fee for a factory

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representative, a distributor representative, a wholesale dealer, a transfer dealer, ~~or a converter manufacturer, or an automotive mobility dealer~~ under IC 9-23-2 is twenty dollars (\$20). **The fee for an automotive mobility dealer who:**

(1) buys or sells vehicles, or both;

(2) sells, installs, or services, offers to sell, install, or service, or solicits or advertises the sale, installation, or servicing of equipment or modifications specifically designed to facilitate use or operation of a vehicle by an individual who is disabled or aged; or

(3) performs acts described in both subdivisions (1) and (2); **is twenty dollars (\$20).**

SECTION 16. IC 9-29-8-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.106-2008, SECTION 35, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 7. All money collected by the secretary of state from manufacturers, factory branches, distributors, distributor branches, dealers, automobile auctioneers, factory representatives, distributor representatives, wholesale dealers, transfer dealers, converter manufacturers, **automotive mobility dealers**, or brokers for licenses and permit fees under IC 9-23-2 shall be deposited as follows:

(1) Thirty percent (30%) to the dealer compliance account established by IC 9-23-2-18.

(2) Seventy percent (70%) to the motor vehicle highway account.

SECTION 17. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] **(a) Notwithstanding IC 9-23-2-5.5, as added by this act, the secretary of state shall carry out the duties imposed on the secretary of state under IC 9-23-2-5.5, as added by this act, under interim written guidelines approved by the secretary of state.**

(b) This SECTION expires on the earlier of the following:

(1) The date rules are adopted under IC 9-23-2-5.5, as added by this act.

(2) December 31, 2010.

SECTION 18. An emergency is declared for this act.

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